

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 @ 5:30 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gandy at 5:30 p.m.

Present and answering roll call: Commissioner Bengé, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Campos, and Mayor Gandy

Also Present: City Manager James Williams, City Attorney Patrick McMahon, Police Chief David Rodriguez, Finance Director Gary Chapman, City Clerk Carol Ann Hogue, and Administrative Assistant Anna Juarez

Invocation: Mayor Gandy gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Gandy led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to amend the agenda to read resolution 2016-11 and mark out 2015-11 as published. Commissioner Campos seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos - Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 11, 2016; Commissioner Campos seconded. Roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Finance Director Chapman stated software deadline for full implementation will be September 2016.
- Commissioner Bengé stated grand opening for the new playground at Chaparral Park went quite well and it was nice watching Lovington leaders ride the zip line.
- Police Chief Rodriguez stated SRO was pulled and replaced with Officer Karina Tello for the rest of the school year due to medical reasons.
- City Manager Williams updated Commissioners on Senate House Bills:
 - Bill 233 in regards to hold harmless GRT; it did go through schedule for ways and means today we have not seen any forward progress if it went to vote
 - Bill 171 concerning Law Enforcement Officers return to work it did get a due pass, scheduled to go on House calendar

- Bill 328 to enact the 2 cents tax on gasoline fuel or special fuel the taxes are collected by the opposing local government, not tax and revenue; tax will be used to repair roads, street and bridges, scheduled for various committee meetings
- Bill 284 concerning increase in gas/fuel excise tax by 10 cents with 5 cents going to State and 5 cents going to Local government
- Bill 281 repeals the deduction for food sales and adds the sale of food back into the GRT base

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

African American Month Proclamation 201501: Mayor Gandy presented proclamation to Commissioner Butcher.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution 2016-7: Execution of an Agreement between the City of Lovington and the Department of Finance and Administration for the Fire Station Capital Outlay Appropriation: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2016-7: Execution of an Agreement between the City of Lovington and the Department of Finance and Administration for the Fire Station Capital Outlay Appropriation; Commissioner Campos seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of Resolution 2016-7 which will authorize the Mayor to execute a Grant Agreement with DFA for funding the planning, design, construction, and equipping of a fire station; the total grant amount is \$100,000. City Manager Williams stated this will be a second fire station and will aid in reducing response time and lower ISO ratings. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Resolution 2016-8: Execution of a Fiscal Agent Agreement with the SENMEDD/COG: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to consider Resolution 2016-8: Execution of a Fiscal Agent Agreement with the SENMEDD/COG; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of resolution which will authorize the Mayor to execute a fiscal agent agreement with the Southeastern NM Economic Development District/Council of Governments for the fire station project. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved. Commissioner Bengé asked if this will be the last time City will have to have an outside agent acting as our fiscal agent for Capital Projects; City Manager Williams stated yes.

Consider Resolution 2016-9: Amend Credit Card Master Limit: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Campos so moved to consider Resolution 2016-9: Amend Credit Card Master Limit; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams addressed

Commissioners of need for additional travel cards to conduct routine business and travel for trainings; the City has strict controls in place to monitor expenditures. City Manager Williams stated in order to ensure cards are available with sufficient credit, it has been deemed necessary to provide one credit card for our Wastewater Plant Operator and two more Travel/Training cards. City Manager stated staff has investigated alternatives to Credit cards, such as “green-dot” reload-able prepaid cards, but because of the costs and restrictions associated with prepaid cards, it is to the City’s advantage to simply add additional credit cards and increase the credit limit. Commissioner Butcher stated disagreement on Wastewater Superintendent Miguel DeLaCruz carrying card at all times; City Manager Williams stated some department heads have their own credit card and because of historical use, Wastewater department does need one with its own credit limit to make credit card purchases without cutting hand checks. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Resolution 2016-10: Transfer of Equipment to Village of Tatum: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to consider Resolution 2016-10: Transfer of Equipment to Village of Tatum; Commissioner Campos seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of Fire Department completing its upgrades and replacing its Zoll defibrillator’s; the Zoll units that were replaced are still usable. Instead of sending to auction, the Tatum Volunteer Ambulance Service has demonstrated a need for defibrillator’s such as the old Zoll units and has requested the transfer to two of Lovington’s surplus defibrillator’s. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Resolution 2016-11: Accepting the June 30, 2015 Audit Report and Financial Statements for the City of Lovington: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2016-11: Accepting the June 30, 2015 Audit Report and Financial Statements for the City of Lovington; Commissioner Butcher seconded. Finance Director Chapman presented to the Commissioners the Audit Report and requested approval of Resolution 2016-11 accepting the audit report which has been approved by the Office of State Auditor; digital copy will be available on the City website. Staff and Commissioners discussed findings and how to correct and resolve issues; Finance Director Chapman stated new software will resolve most of the findings. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved

Consider Approval of Senior Citizen Board Appointments: Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve Joyce Drewry and Henry Gutierrez to the Senior Citizen Board. Senior Citizen Board appointments will serve for a two year term. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner

Trujillo seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo, and Mayor Gandy - Yes. Motion was approved

Consider Approval of Accounts Payable: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to approve the accounts payable; Commissioner Trujillo second. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Rowser, Pastor of Jackson Avenue Baptist Church, thanked and acknowledged all the great changes in the City of Lovington due to the Council. Mr. Rowser stated he appreciates all the services provided by the City and appreciates all the hard work from City Employees.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Gandy adjourned, the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
SCOTTY GANDY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK